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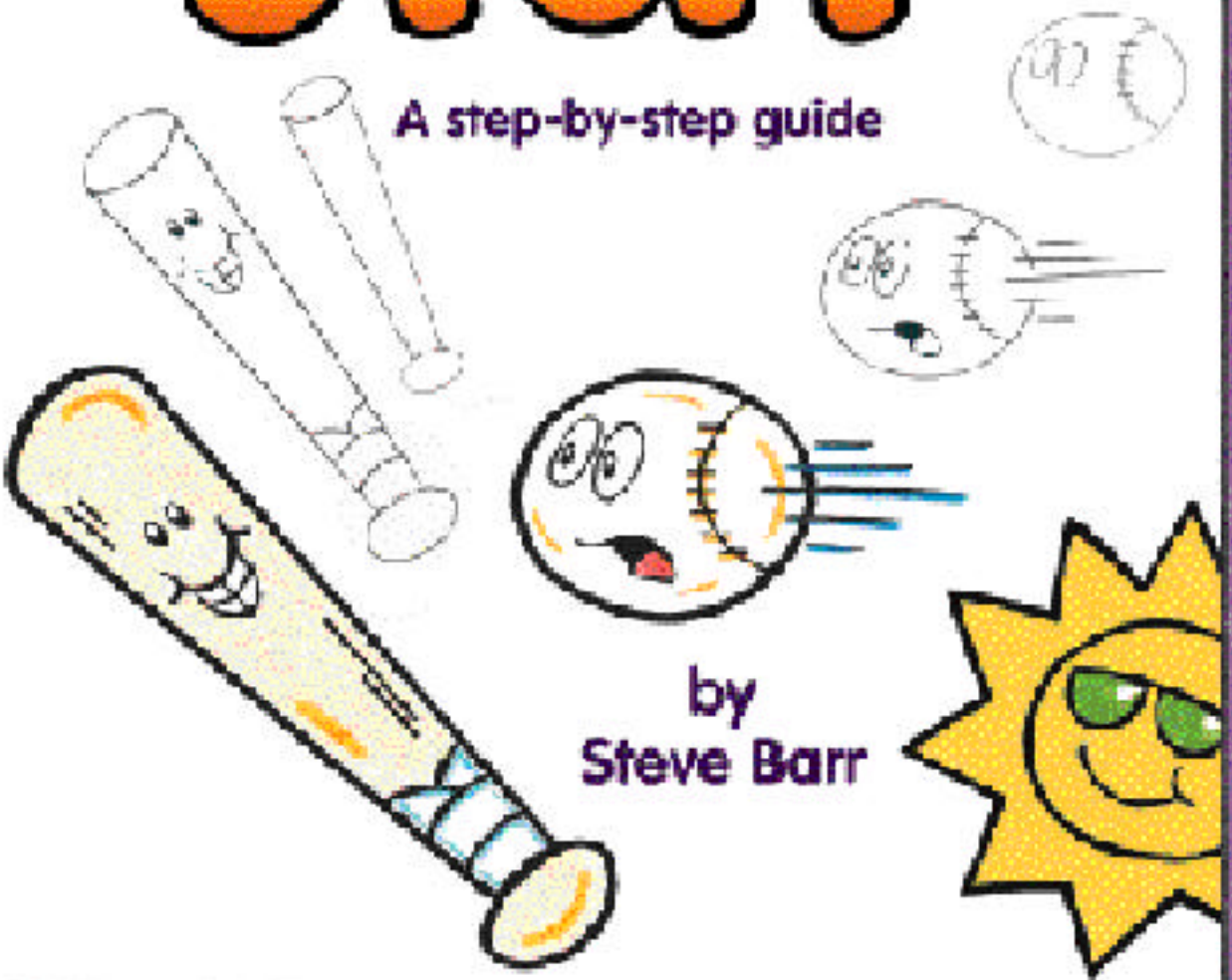

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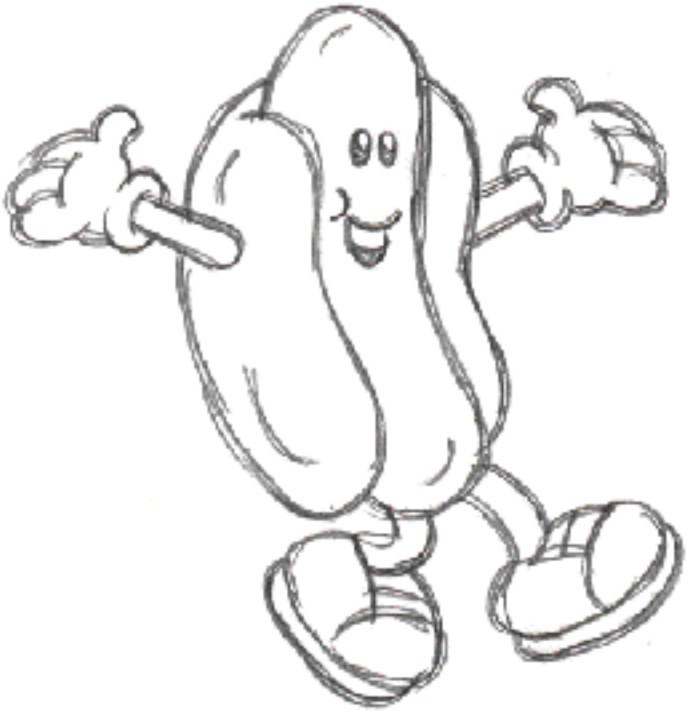

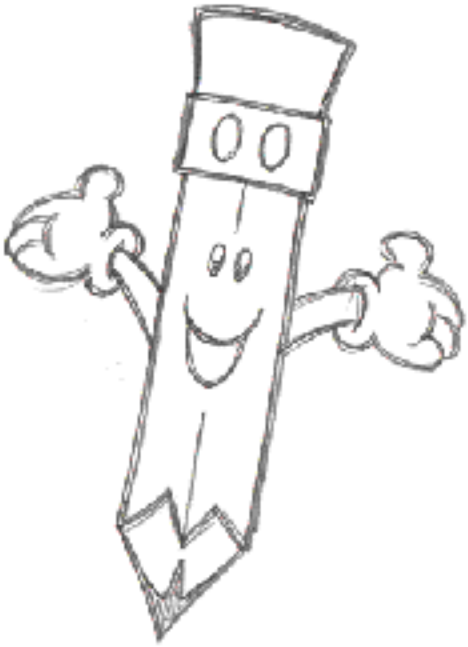

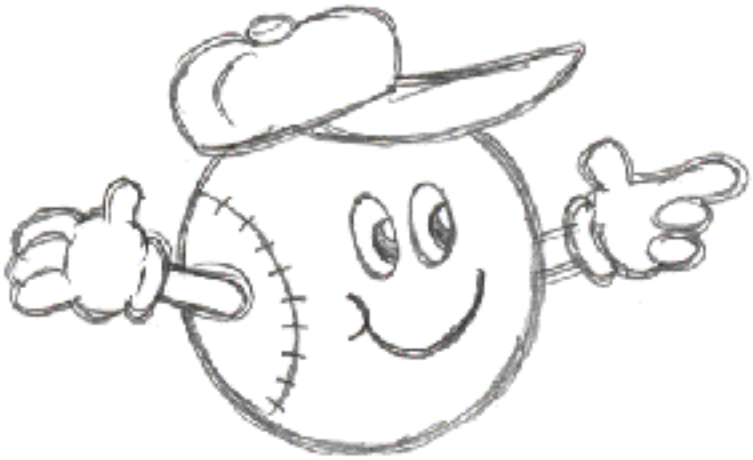

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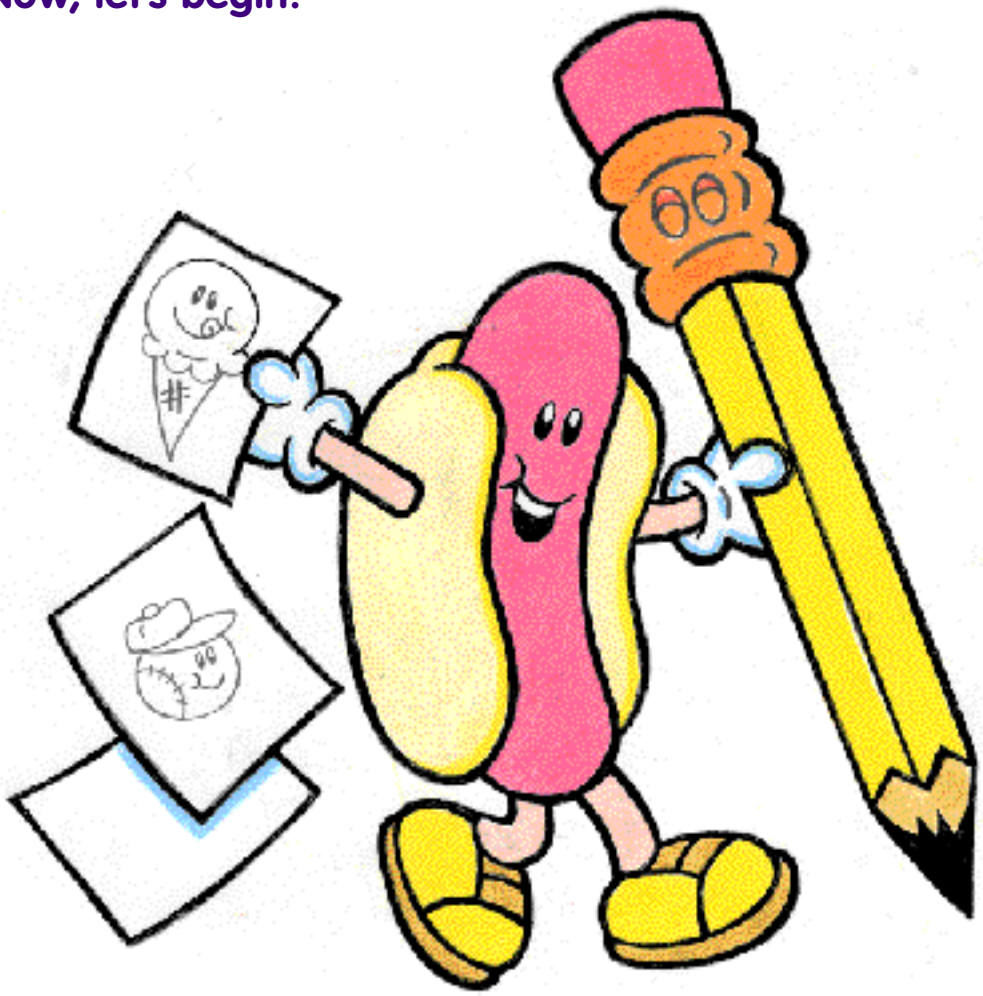
Before you begin

You will need the following supplies:

- Pencil (or pencils!)
- Eraser
- Pencil sharpener
- Ruler
- LOTS of paper
- Colored pencils, markers or crayons
- Good light
- Comfortable place to draw
- Your imagination!

Now, let's begin!



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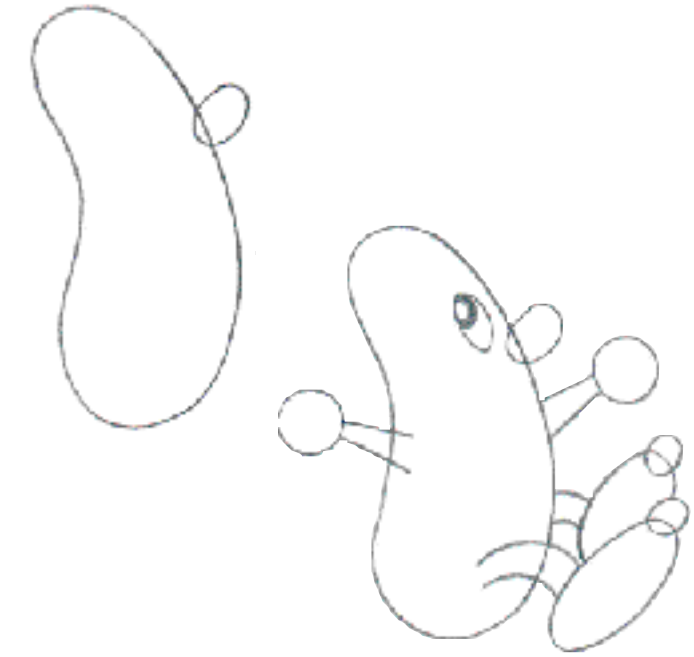

NO rules!

The coolest part of drawing cartoons is there are NO rules! Cartoons are simple drawings using basic shapes and lines to create a funny picture.

Use this book as a basic guide to show you how to make inanimate objects come to life. Look at the example on this page. It's just a rounded blob at first. But by adding a few lines and shapes, it turns into a fun cartoon guy wearing a hat.

Sketch, doodle, play!

Sketch lightly at first, in case you want to make changes later. Experiment. It's your creation. If the instructions tell you to draw a round oval nose and you feel like drawing a triangular nose, draw it. Try different shapes and lines. Color your cartoons any color you wish. Develop a style of your own. If your drawings make you laugh or giggle, congratulations! You are becoming a cartoonist!

Doodle! Play! If you end up creating a cartoon character that makes you rich and famous, please remember to invite me to your amusement park when you build it. I love riding on roller coasters almost as much as I love drawing cartoons!

Cartooning tips:

1. Draw lightly at first-SKETCH, so you can erase extra lines.
2. Practice, practice, practice! You will get better and your cartoons will get funnier.
3. Have FUN cartooning!

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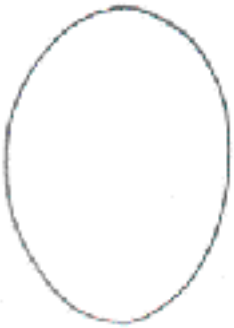
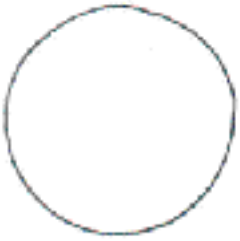
Basic Shapes and Lines

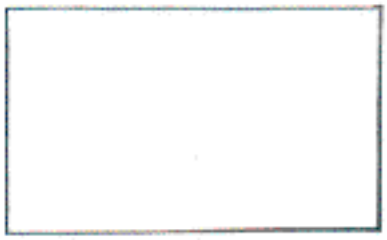
Here are the basic shapes and lines
you will use to draw cool cartoons.



Oval



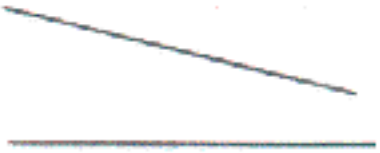
Circle



Rectangle

Square

Triangle



Straight Lines

Squiggly Lines

Curved Lines

Wave

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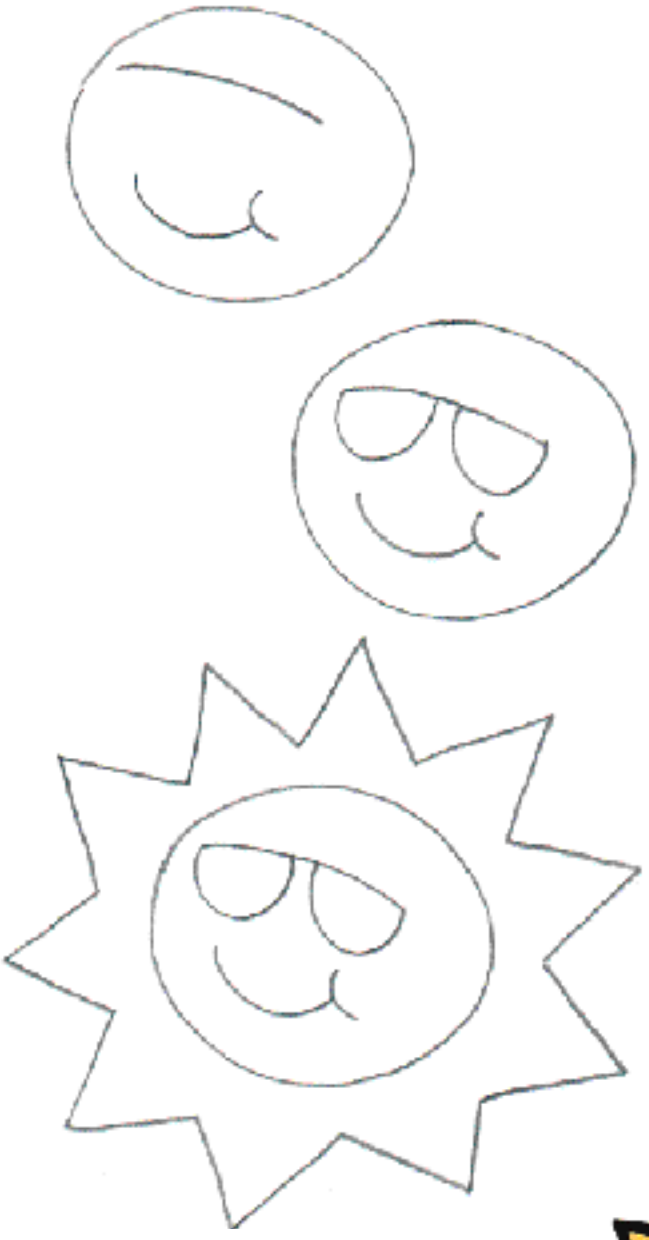
Sun

Let's start with something easy! Let's draw a cartoon sun.



1. Lightly sketch an oval for the face. Draw a slightly curved line to begin the top of the sunglasses. Draw two curved lines for the smiling mouth.

2. Add two curved lines to complete the sunglasses.

3. Draw jagged lines connecting around the outside of the oval.

4. LOOK carefully at the final drawing. Go over and darken the lines. Add color. Leave little circles of white in his glasses to look like light is reflecting off the lenses.

Congratulations!
You just drew a cartoon sun!

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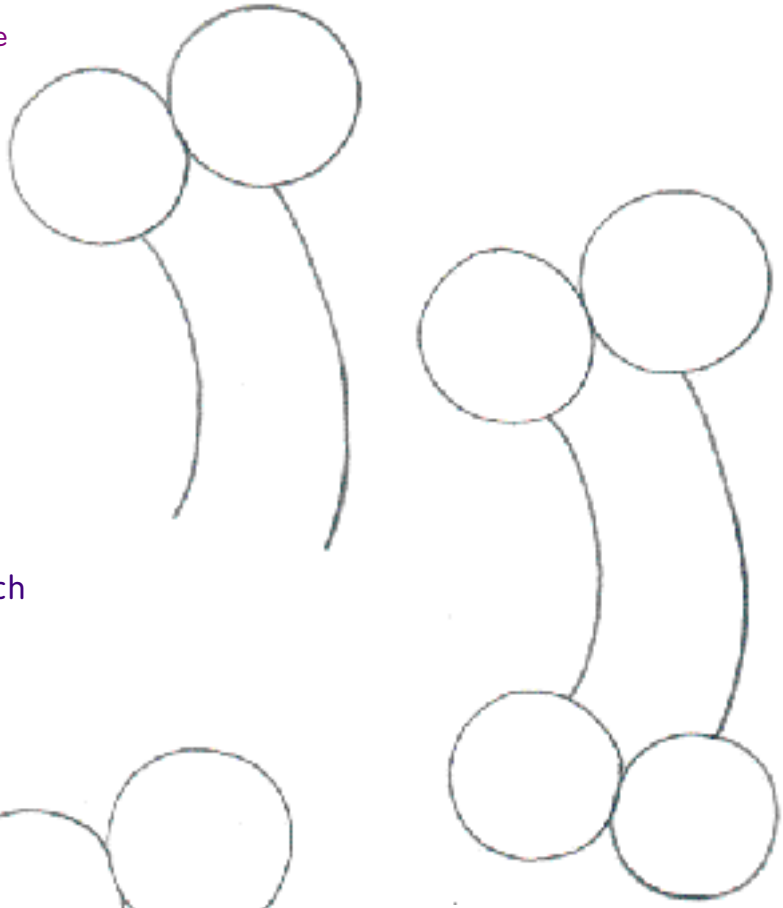
Bone

You can turn almost anything into a cartoon character. Let's make a bone come to life!

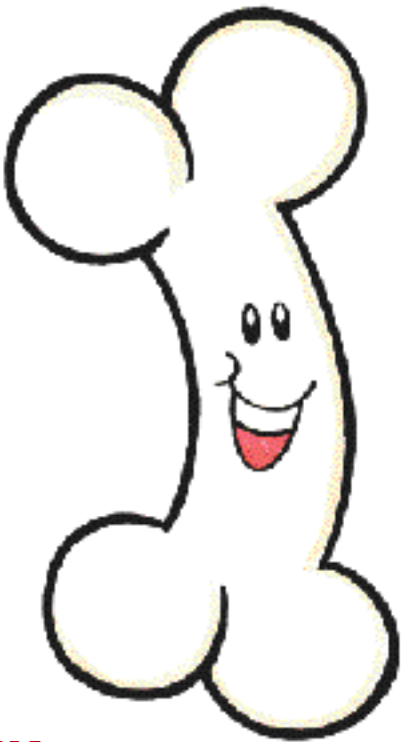


1 Lightly sketch two circles touching each other. Add a long curved line at the bottom of each circle.

2 Sketch two more circles touching the bottom of each line.

3 Draw two ovals for eyes. Darken the bottom part of each eye. Draw four curved lines for a smiling mouth.

4 LOOK at the final drawing! Darken the final lines. Add a little color.



What a friendly looking bone! Good job!

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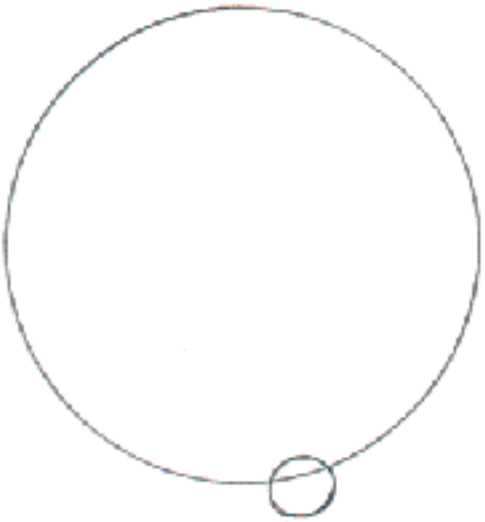
Balloon

Let's try a little more complicated drawing. Let's draw a cartoon balloon!



1 Sketch a large circle and a small overlapping circle at the bottom of it.

2 Sketch two ovals for eyes. Draw two curved lines for a mouth.

3 Draw a curved line at the bottom of each eye. Add another curved line under the mouth. Draw a curved line over the small bottom circle.

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4 Starting at the top, draw two curved lines inside each eye oval for eyeballs. Add two curved lines to complete the neck.

5 Darken part of the eyeballs. Add another curved line inside the mouth. Add a long curving line for a string.

6 LOOK at the final drawing! Erase extra sketch lines that you don't need. Darken the final lines. Add color.

Nice balloon, although he seems a little flighty!

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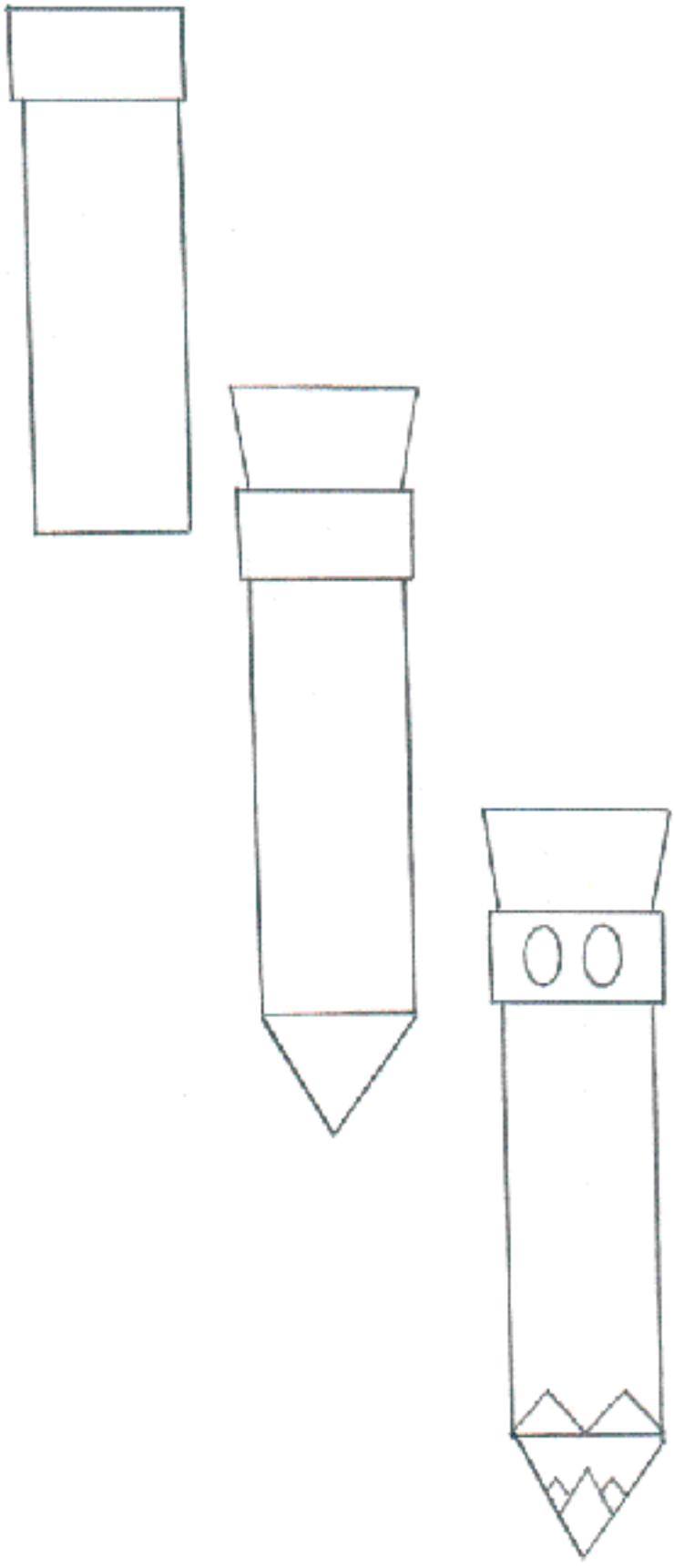
Pencil talking

Here's a fun one. Let's make a pencil come to life! Use your ruler to make really straight lines.



1 Sketch a small rectangle on top of a long triangle.

2 Draw three straight lines on top to make an eraser. Draw two straight lines to make a triangle shape on the bottom.

3 Starting at the top, draw two ovals inside the upper rectangle. Add straight lines to make triangle shapes at the bottom and tip of the pencil.

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4 Draw two ovals with a small circle inside each for eyes. Add a curved line for a smile.

5 Starting at the top, draw a straight line in the center of the pencil. Darken part of each eye. Add another curved line to the mouth. Draw another straight line below the mouth.

6 LOOK at the final drawing! Erase any extra lines. Darken the final lines and add color.

Cool cartoon pencil.
He looks sharp!

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